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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP: FRENCH PROPOSAL

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1. ALTHOUGH REFTEL A ARRIVED MINUTES BEFORE THE END
OF THE GENEVA GROUP MEETING ALL OF THE POINTS IN THIS
MESSAGE HAD BEEN COVERED. THE GERMANS CLARIFIED THEIR
POSITION ALONG THE LINES FORESHADOWED IN REFTEL B. THE
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UK INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A

CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING AND IN JOINT ACTION TO HOLD DOWN THE GROWTH IN UN BUDGETS. ALL GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS FAVORED, AT LEAST CONDITIONALLY, THE CONVENING OF A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN NEW YORK. THE MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR OCTOBER 6, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING OCTOBER 7 IF NECESSARY. THE US, SUPPORTED BY THE FRENCH, URGED THAT THIS MEETING BE ATTENDED BY HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS. AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF REFTEL A, THE US INFORMED THE GROUP OF THE US PLANS FOR ATTENDANCE. THE CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED THAT THEIR NEW YORK MISSIONS WOULD CONSULT TO DETERMINE THE VENUE OF THE MEETING.

2. THE GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED A DRAFT AGENDA AND PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN IN COOPERATION WITH THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR. AN AGENDA WAS AGREED TO BY THE GENEVA GROUP WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS NOT BINDING ON CAPITALS; REPRESENTATIVES AT THE GG/CL WOULD OF COURSE BE FREE TO PROPOSE CHANGES. THE PAPER WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA SINCE THE CONTENTS WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON THE OUTCOME OF SUCH A DISCUSSION.

3. THE AGENDA AND PAPER ARE BEING REVISED AND WILL BE SENT IN SEPTELS, AS WILL A MORE DETAILED REPORT OF THE GENEVA GROUP MEETING.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE BY NO MEANS SANGUINE THAT CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION WILL FOLLOW A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING, BUT WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE ENTIRE PROJECT WOULD DIE IF THERE WERE NO MEETING. THE SWEDES AND DUTCH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT PLAY BALL, AND THE AUSTRALIANS WILL PROBABLY JOIN THEM. THE BIG FIVE SEEM TO BE FAIRLY SOLID AS OF NOW, AS ARE THE SWISS, THE BELGIANS AND PERHAPS THE CANADIANS. THE ITALIAN POSITION IS MURKY AS USUAL SINCE THE MINISTRIES OF THE TREASURY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ROME ARE IN SHARP DISAGREEMENT. CATTO

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